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High School Grid Star Dies as Auto Crashes

Students Attend Grid Star Rites

Scores of North High School students Tuesday attended funeral service for Harold Allen Bledsoe, 16, popular captain of the school's football team who died in a spectacular traffic accident late Saturday.

The youth was killed almost instantly when the car he was driving struck a bump in the 17700 block of Yukon Ave., skidded out of control for 294 feet, smashed against a power pole, and came to rest against a tree. Bledsoe was hurled half out of the car by the impact.

Other Gridders Hurt
Two passengers, Thomas Joseph Koehn, 16, of 17110 Ardath Ave., and John H. Swortfugner, 15, of 3617 W. 182nd St., suffered painful but not critical injuries. They are guards on the school grid squad and Bledsoe was center.

Bledsoe, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bledsoe, at 3637 W. 180th Pl., was a junior at the school. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Diane; grandmother, Mrs. Anna Bledsoe of Torrance, and granduncles, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Singleton of Sacramento.

Bishop Reldon Pinney of the Gardena Ward of the Latter Day Saints' Church officiated at the funeral rite. Interment was at Roosevelt Cemetery. Stone & Myers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Eleventh Fatality
The youth was the city's 11th traffic fatality of 1956. Robert A. Jones, 23, of 2316 W. 246th St., Lomita, and Jimmy Newsom, 17, of Landwale, suffered cuts and bruises when their cars collided at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. They were taken by Wright's Ambulance to Torrance Emergency Hospital.

A bakery truck overturned and two persons were slightly injured.

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Pair Charged With Market Burglary Try

A local man and a New Yorker, accused of burglarizing the Foods Co. Market, were arraigned yesterday before South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett.

The pair, Armand Salcido, 25, of 21018 Burin Ave., and John Cardello, 31, of New York City, were ordered held on \$5000 bail pending preliminary hearing on Monday.

The men are charged with entering the store at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. last Saturday and attempting to burn open a safe.

Salcido and Cardello, nabbed in the vicinity shortly after eggs fled the building, denied implication.

An inoperative burglar alarm indirectly foiled an attempt to burn open the safe, as the would-be safecrackers fled when a repairman from the alarm company arrived at the store to fix the system. The burglars apparently didn't know that the alarm was out of order, as they had carefully put a "jumper wire" in place to avoid disturbing the circuit.

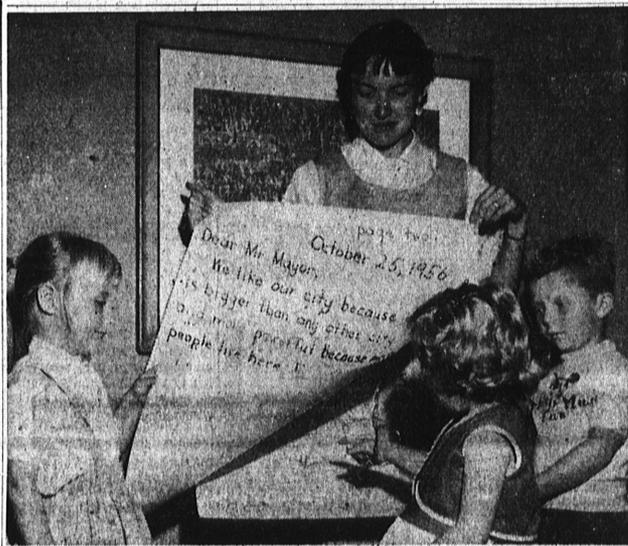
The thieves fled with such haste that they left behind their burning equipment and 5000 in cash that had been taken from file drawers, according to Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton.

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(Herald Photo)

HER MAJESTY . . . Elected Grid Queen of El Camino College this week was 19-year-old Dee Meyer, Ingiewood beauty. She will reign over this week-end's grid clash between El Camino and Long Beach City College. She was chosen by vote of the student body.



(Herald Photo)

BIG IDEA . . . Getting ready to send the reasons why they like Torrance in a letter that is almost as big as they are, are these kindergarten students at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School. Shown are Diane Hall, Wanda Black, Danny Stephens, and their teacher, Mrs. Sandra Walker. Class members, who can't write a letter just yet, told Mrs. Walker what they wanted to say and she put it in the proper form. The youngsters did sign their names, however.

18,000 Letters Sent to Mayor

When Mayor Albert Isen leaves for Memphis, Tenn., to represent Torrance in All-American Cities judging, he will be able to take some 18,000 reasons why the city should be adjudged one of the nation's top 11 cities.

Each one of the students in the Torrance Unified School District has written a letter to the Mayor, expressing his or her own reasons why Torrance should be honored. The reasons make quite a bundle of reading and are as varied as the children themselves.

Several Basketsful

Superintendent J. H. Hull gave the letters, which would fill several bushel baskets, to Mayor Isen yesterday. His honor can ponder their contents and perhaps take the best ideas to Memphis with him. Some of the youngsters even drew pictures to go with their letters.

"I like Torrance because I just like it," declared Tommy Wetsel, a first grader at Seaside School.

Coins a Slogan

"Torrance is the best All-American city because there's a park in the center of town and schools are being built continually. It's a city as great as its people. It's Torrance from the word 'grow'." Glenn Robbins, fifth grader at Steele School wrote.

"It's very nice except for the pig farms." Janette Massey, Steele School eight-grader, opined.

People Are Clean

"Torrance should be the All-American city for 1956 because a large percentage of the population is from other states all over America. There are many job opportunities in Torrance," Richard Snow, Tor-

rance High School student, believes.

"I think Torrance should be an All-American city because Torrance people are clean and we have good oil industries and rich land. We have a lot of airports," wrote Norma Jean Wainwright, Wood School fourth grader.

"I like Torrance because my daddy is closer to work," said Denise Denning, Seaside School first grader.

"Torrance should be the All-American city for 1956 because I am of Mexican descent and cannot speak much English and the people of my neighborhood have been helpful to me in many ways to learn their language," explained Margaret Padilla, ninth grader at Torrance High School. She wrote the same letter to the mayor in Spanish.

Likes the Airplanes
"I like Torrance because I like airplanes," said Pat Fuscoe, Seaside first grader, while classmate Danny Pace declared, "I like the merry-go-rounds."

Many of the youngsters also pointed out that the city is smog-free, the home of many industries, close to the beach, and had good schools.

Tire and Wheel Gone

A tire and wheel valued at \$45 was taken from his station wagon, Frank Knox of 4630 W. 176th St., told police Tuesday.

Fire Survey Here Could Reduce Rates

Fire insurance rates in Torrance could go down as the result of a recent survey of local fire facilities made by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, according to Fire Marshal Robert Lucas. Results will not be known until next April, however.

Fire department officials are hopeful that the survey, completed last week, might result in a reduction of rates. The last survey, 20 years ago, placed Torrance in Class 6 for fire insurance rates. If it is rated Class 5, fire insurance rates would be reduced about 11 per cent.

It is probable that rates in the Hollywood Riviera area might be reduced substantially as a result of the survey, Lucas said. Fire protection in that area, now in Class 6, has been improved considerably with the construction of a new fire station, addition of better access roads into the Riviera, and new hydrants.

Insurance rates are determined by the class in which a city is placed. The Fire Underwriters determine which class in which to put a city by various factors—fire department efficiency and equipment, location of fire stations, location of fire hydrants, water pressure, police protection, street width and accessibility, and building regulations.

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Mrs. Roosevelt Here Tomorrow

Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late president, will appear tomorrow for the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., it was announced yesterday afternoon.

Her talk is sponsored by the Stevenson-Kefauver Committee for the 17th and 26th Congressional districts, and will be in conjunction with a Torrance rally.

Approximately 30,000 Torrance voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to cast presidential ballots and to mark their choices for a U.S. Senator, Congressman, Assemblyman, Superior Court Judge, and more than a score of ballot propositions.

With more than 35,000 Torrance residents eligible to vote, next Tuesday's election will probably be the largest turnout ever recorded here.

Four years ago, Torrance registered an 88 per cent turnout, and if repeated, would see more than 32,000 visiting the polls here on Nov. 6.

Three campaigns have developed high local interest: the presidential race between President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, the Senate race between Senator Thomas Kuchel and Richard Richards, and the Congressional race between incumbent Cecil King and Charles Franklin.

Repeat Seen
Torrance voted for Eisenhower four years ago, and his supporters here predict another Eisenhower victory here this year.

The Kuchel-Richards race may be another matter, observers in both parties report. Local officials of each party have reported that Torrance will support their candidate—the Republicans believe Kuchel will carry the city; the Democrats believe Richards will.

Knowland to Visit Area On Saturday

Senator William Knowland will tour the 17th Congressional District with Republican Nominee Charles Franklin Saturday. It was announced here yesterday.

Franklin will join Senator Knowland at the Ingiewood Republican Headquarters at 1 p.m. Saturday. After that, the two are scheduled to appear at the Hawthorne headquarters at 2 p.m., Redondo Beach at 3 p.m., and at San Pedro at 4 p.m.

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Morley Sees Eisenhower Victory Over Stevenson

(John Morley, widely traveled correspondent for THE HERALD on the world's news fronts, has been spending the past months traveling with the nation's two major presidential candidates, President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson. In a special story to THE HERALD today, Morley wraps up his conclusions on the 1956 elections.—Editor.)

By JOHN MORLEY

On Oct. 30, 1952, under the heading "Eisenhower Should Win," I expressed in these columns our reasons why we felt at that time that Eisenhower would defeat Adlai Stevenson.

As a matter of fact, we stated that Eisenhower would win by a landslide and that he would even capture the votes of Texas, Florida, Virginia and other predominantly Democratic states, which he did.

We based our conclusions then on our tours with the candidates across the country . . . the overwhelming crowds that greeted Ike over Adlai . . . the women's vote in favor of Eisenhower . . . the greater number of Ike stickers on workers' cars in the industrial

parking lots of Detroit, Memphis, Chicago, etc. . . the nation's weariness over Korea . . . the long tenure of the Democratic party over the previous 20 years, in the White House . . . and the national feeling for a change in Washington . . . just general principles. While most observers picked Eisenhower in November 1952 we picked him to win by a landslide.

After returning from a simi-



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
... Re-Election Seen

lar tour this week in most of the 48 states with both presidential candidates and their campaigners, we are of the opinion that President Eisenhower will again defeat Adlai Stevenson, in a closer election, the President in Washington with 300-350 electoral votes, way over the required 266 for victory.

We base this conclusion on exactly the same national coverage that guided us in 1952. Above and beyond the emotions of partisanship, we believe this to be an objective appraisal of the political picture, come Nov. 6.

1952 and 1956 Compared
In 1952 Dwight Eisenhower gained an unexpected advantage with the split of the Democrats in the South. He won Texas by 133,000 votes . . . Florida by 100,000 . . . Virginia by 70,000 . . . Tennessee by 3000 . . . (and lost Kentucky by only 700 votes). Normally all of these would have gone Democratic. We believe, with the possible exception of Florida and Virginia, the South will vote for Stevenson on Nov. 6.

This, with a possible shift in Minnesota, New Mexico, Washington and Pennsylvania, will perhaps double the 89 electoral votes Stevenson gathered.

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